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1. Plans and surveying for the construction of a tunnel under the Ussuri River between Iman, USSR (133-42, 45-56) and Hulin, China (133-37, 45-59) were initiated by the USSR in October 1945. Construction work on the tunnel was begun from the Iman side of the river in March 1946; Soviet laborers worked under the direction of Soviet engineers and technicians.

2. Work from the Hulin side of the river did not begin until July 1946. Employed in this project were 1,500 Soviet residents of Hulin

Work which required activity on the surface of the river was done under the cover of darkness. By reason of these security measures many residents of Hulin are not aware that the tunnel exists.

3. The tunnel starts at a point one kilometer south of South Iman Harbor and ends at a point four and one-half kilometers north of Hulin.

Note: The information in paragraph 3 is based on observation of the location of stocks of construction materials and possible roads of access to the tunnel.

The reported tunnel entrance on the Iman side would seem more logical for a tunnel under the Iman River.

4. Construction of the tunnel was completed, except for cement work (paving), in September 1947, and the tunnel was serving as a thoroughfare in October. Final construction work, including paving, is to begin after the spring thaw in 1948, and will be done by the Soviet residents of Hulin, mentioned in paragraph 2 above. Red floats extending in a straight line from Iman to Hulin were observed in October 1947.

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